

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly replace paragraph 1, on page 1 with the following amended paragraph:

--The present application claims the benefit from under 35 U.S.C. Section 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/176,101, filed January 14, 2000, entitled "Endoscope Relay," and is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/680,922, filed October 6, 2000, entitled "Endoscope", (~~Attorney Docket No. 017516-007510US~~) the complete disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.--